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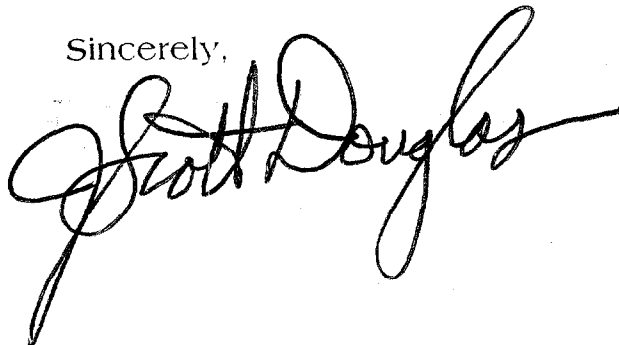
Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the FDA. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

Please defend my right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,



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